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Eileen Fenton, the first woman home in the Daily Mail Race of 1950, struggles ashore at Dover beach

■ BY MARIJKE COX

DOVER'S Great Channel Swim is to be revived after 50 years.

Nova International, the organisation behind the Great North Run, has announced plans for a swimming race in August with Dover as its stage.

An announcement of competitors is set to take place tomorrow (Thursday) at 11am in London, but reports already suggest that a number of high-profile sportspeople will be taking part, including Cassie Patten, who won the bronze medal in the 10km open-water swim at the Beijing Olympics.

Bulgarian Peter Stoychev, who holds the record for the fastest-ever Channel swim of six hours and 57 minutes, will also be competing.

The event will consist of about eight men and women and two relay teams made up of eight participants who will swim between Shakespeare Beach in Dover and Cap Gris Nez in France – the shortest distance between the two countries at 22 miles.

It is thought hundreds will flock to the town to watch the races, including many Europeans who are taking advantage of the fall in the value of sterling.

Dover District Council members are thrilled that the town will again be in the spotlight after a number of international events last year, including the Fusionman spectacle.

Cllr Frederick Scales, cabinet member for economy and special projects, said: "This is more great news for Dover district and comes as we continue to work with a range of partners for a world-class future for the district.

"The races in the 50s were big sporting

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New measures encourage us to save water

BY MARIJKE COX

EVERY home in the Dover district will have a water meter by 2012 as the Government tackles water shortages across the UK.

The scheme, set to be launched in autumn 2010, is part of a water saving and conservation plan aimed at securing a long-term and sustainable water supply for the area.

Yourdover's sister paper Yourshepway recently revealed the government-backed plans of Folkestone and Dover Water Services (FDWS) to ensure every home has a water meter in Folkestone in 18 months time.

The company has now said the same applies to the Dover district.

A spokesperson at the company said: "We're rolling out the scheme in Shepway first, but this will be happening in Dover too."

"Work is set to start in the area in the autumn of 2010 and we're aiming for it to be completed by 2012."

The scheme is being undertaken alongside a £33 million programme introducing new water sources and improved treatment and distribution systems over the next two years.

Savings

David Walton, FDWS managing director, said this will ensure water sources remain secure despite climate change and a growing population.

"We would like to see water used much more carefully," he said. "In the UK the average water use per person per day is more than 150 litres and we would like to see this reduced to around 120 litres."

Countries such as Denmark and Germany have already reduced their use and Mr Walton hopes the metering scheme in Dover and Shepway will put them more in line with their European counterparts.



SAVE WATER: David Walton hopes meters will help us to be more aware of water usage

He said: "Water savings of up to 15 per cent can be made with no major change in lifestyle."

"Using showers rather than baths also cuts energy costs and we are urging customers to save water, save energy and save money."

New homes in the district already have water meters where, since 1999, they have been fitted as standard to new properties. Some residents have also asked to be put on a water meter to lower their bills.

A spokesperson from FDWS said: "By 2012 this will be standard. It's to make sure these areas have a sustainable water supply – this is important."

Meters are usually fitted externally on the pipes serving individual homes, although in some cases internal meters are needed.

Installation takes just one day and is usually carried out in pavement and verge areas or in gardens.

For more information about meters, visit www.fdws.co.uk.

Swimmers welcome Channel race return

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events and thousands would turn up to cheer the swimmers."

Alison Streeter, from Dover, currently holds the title of Queen of the Channel after successfully crossing 43 times – nine more than King of the Channel Kevin Murphy.

Asked if women are better at the Channel swim than men, she laughed and said: "It's a combination of mental willpower and the fact women can cope with the cold better because they have a higher percentage of body fat."

Her mother Freeda, nicknamed The General, trains cross-Channel hopefuls. Both women welcome the return of the race and also the general rise in the profile of distance swimming thanks to last summer's Olympics.

The last cross-Channel races were held in the 50s, 75 years after Captain Matthew Webb became the first person to complete the gruelling swim.

Only 19 others had followed in his footsteps before the Daily Mail International Cross Channel Swimming Race in 1950 with a prize of £1,000, worth £25,000 today.

Eileen Fenton, a 21-year-old religious studies teacher from West Yorkshire, and Hassan Abdel Rehim, a lieutenant in the Egyptian Army, were the first woman and man to reach the shores of Shakespeare Beach in Dover.

The female winner was commended for her heroic efforts, completing the swim using just one arm, after jarring her shoulder halfway through.

In 1959 the last race took place before financial problems set in.

Car drivers sought as potential witnesses

POLICE are trying to track down the drivers of two cars flagged down by the victim of a robbery.

The crime took place between 11.45pm on Friday, February 6, and 12.40am the next day in the gateway of Great Napchester Farm, Napchester Road, Whitfield.

Two men were assaulted in their car, a black Ford Focus, by two male assailants who also took cash.

During the robbery two cars were seen driving along the road. One of the victims attempted to wave down the first car, which drove past.

The second, thought to be an old-model white Nissan Micra driven by a young white male, did stop, but the driver drove off after speaking to a person at the scene.

Anyone with information is asked to call Kent Police on 01303 289401 or Crime Stoppers on 0800 555111.

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Police called out to investigate filming of 'brutal murder'

Actors faked vicious baseball bat attack

STUDENT actors from Dover shooting a scene involving the brutal murder of a policeman were stunned when actual officers turned up thinking it was all for real.

Passers-by who witnessed the shoot in Faversham recreation ground were so alarmed at what they saw they called 999 and alerted local police.

The scene involved an actor playing a policeman being beaten to death by masked hoodies wielding cricket and baseball bats while a bin was set on fire.

Meanwhile other members of the cast screamed "Oi, oi, oi!" egging on the attackers.

Ben Steele, 15, and Saskia Wandsworth-Smith, 16, both from Dover, star in the film, along with Natalie Read from Aylesham.

"It was really scary," said Ben's mum Karol, from Buckland Avenue, who

■ BY MARIJKE COX

was looking after the young cast on the day. "I knew it was faked and even I was terrified."

Following the alert a patrol car arrived at the scene and two police officers got out to see what was going on. They examined the permits obtained from Faversham council by the group from Christ Church University, Canterbury, and saw they were in order.

Producer Laura Hopwood said: "I explained the situation and they let us go ahead."

The filming of the movie, which is called *Playground*, then proceeded uninterrupted.

Karol Steele, who is an actress herself, said: "The final scenes of the film feature a chase through the streets of Faversham, which end up with a confrontation in the recreation ground."

"The policeman is set up by two hooded youths - my son Ben is one

and he wears a scary goat mask. The other looks equally sinister."

"They beat the policeman to death with a baseball bat and a cricket bat and there is a lot of screaming and shouting by other cast members and the victim."

"Added to that, one of the nearby rubbish bins is set on fire so it was certainly dramatic."

"There were some people playing tennis nearby and a few others walking in the park so one of them must have called the police."

"We were amazed when we saw a car crawling towards us and two burly policemen got out. But they were fine as soon as they realised everything was above board and it was just a film."

The movie is set to be shown at the Dover Film Festival on February 16-17 if the final editing can be done on time. It will also be screened at the university's own festival on February 26 before being shown at various other arts events.



SCARY: The student film involves a scene where a policeman is set upon by youths

Suspected drug dealer is bailed

A MAN has been arrested for alleged drugs and firearms offences.

Police were in Chaucer Road, Elvington, on Friday last week when they approached the driver of a van surrounded by young people.

They searched the van and allegedly found 3.5kg of cannabis and more than £400 in cash.

Officers arrested a 40-year-old man for possession with intent to supply and carried out a search on his home in East Langdon, where they found imitation BB guns, combat knives and crossbows.

The man was released on bail until Saturday, April 11.

Temporary barriers to spring into action during high tide test

A NEW flood defence is being tested in Sandwich to help protect homes from rising sea levels.

Demountable barriers have been placed along the quayside by the Environment Agency, which is taking advantage of the spring tide in order to carry out the trial.

The defences will offer temporary protection until permanent ones, identified in the Pegwell Bay to Kingsdown Coastal Flood Risk Strategy, have been built.

Mark Douch, area flood risk manager, said: "The high spring tide provides an excellent opportunity to demonstrate these demountable flood defences and show how they would work in the event of a flood incident. The coastline is going to come under increasing pressure over the coming years from the sea level rise and increased storms due to climate change."

The 'pods' will stretch 170 metres along the quayside and create a sealed barrier, stopping water lapping up across to nearby properties.

Paul Marshall, operations delivery

team leader for the Environmental Agency in south-east Kent, is confident it will prevent flooding.

He said: "This will predominantly protect 32 properties directly behind the quay and potentially buildings further back. This area needed to be looked at and we have been very proactive in addressing it."

Permanent defences outlined in the risk strategy will be completed by 2013, but in the meantime the new barriers will offer protection to the surrounding area. The scheme is part of a £20 million plan for safeguarding the strip of coastline between Pegwell and Kingsdown.

Environment Agency staff are also looking at tidal flooding from the River Stour and, subject to approval, this area will be protected using a storage reservoir at Broadsalts.

The strategy was produced in partnership with Dover District Council and went out to public consultation in September 2007.

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Halls are given the mark of quality

SEVEN community halls in the district have been awarded quality status.

The awards were presented by the charity Action with Communities in Rural Kent as part of their Hallmark scheme.

Jenny Bradbury, community halls advisor, said: "Achieving a Hallmark gives halls a number of benefits. It provides evidence the hall is well managed and it also gives the management committee the confidence to know they are running their hall in the correct way."

In total, 15 halls across Kent have been awarded quality status and scheme co-ordinator Becky Williams explained it couldn't be easier: "The process is straightforward. We also provide two volunteers to help halls achieve quality Hallmark status and it's free to enter."

For details call 01303 813790 or email info@ruralkent.org.uk. Alternatively, see www.ruralkent.org.uk.

Take an early look at health centre

AYLESHAM residents are being given the chance to find out more about their new health centre.

An open day is being held on Thursday, February 12, at St Finbarr's Church Hall in Market Square, from 11am to 7pm.

People living in Aylesham and the surrounding villages will be able to meet the staff and practice manager who will be working at the centre when it opens in the spring.

Visitors can also use the opportunity to find out how they can get involved in helping shape local health services.

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STEVE TAKES UP CHALLENGE

Conditions have been imposed on a shopkeeper in Dover after he sold alcohol to youngsters.

The owner of Keystores in Ladywell was brought before a licensing review at Dover District Council following an incident on November 8, when two children bought alcohol.

Evidence of previous episodes at the store were also looked into by a panel of three district councillors who are responsible for licensing.

At the hearing, evidence from both sides was heard by the committee who agreed the owner had taken a number of measures to stop this from happening again. Nine conditions were imposed on the owner, including training, obtaining extra qualifications and adopting the 'Challenge 21' policy, which means anyone who looks under the age of 21 must produce id.

Licensing officer PC Steve Alexander (pictured) said: "While I would never like to see any business go under as a result of a review, it was only right this owner attend the local chambers and explain his actions to them."

Campaigners speak up for one way to reduce danger

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A WORKING group for adults with learning difficulties has called for improvements to one of Deal's bus routes claiming it's "an accident waiting to happen".

Staff at the Speaking Up Group, which meets every Friday at the Landmark Centre, are concerned about where their members are dropped off at the bus stop in South Street.

According to support worker Elvis Cudjoe, buses come into the one-way street from the seafront and drop passengers on the left hand side where there is little pavement and a busy road to cross with no traffic signals.

She said: "Because the road is one way, those who use the bus are dropped off on the left side of the road furthest from the town and they have to negotiate a busy road."

"One member of the group has a wheelchair and when she gets off the bus there is little room for her to get comfortable in her seat and

she has to rush across the road to avoid traffic."

Ms Cudjoe approached Deal town councillor Bryan Henderson and Stagecoach to see if the one way system for that particular road could be reversed: "It would make more sense as then people using the bus will be dropped off on the pavement closer to the town centre, by Lloyds Bank."

Cllr Henderson agreed with Ms Cudjoe that something should be done and said otherwise an accident is inevitable. He said: "It would make it a lot easier for people using the bus service. If the one-way route was reversed then people can get off the buses safely."

"There's a taxi rank directly opposite the bus stop so when people cross the road they have to avoid taxis pulling away and queuing up."

Jeremy Cooper, commercial director for Stagecoach in East Kent and Hastings, said the company is keen to see an efficient service for

its customers: "We have discussed the poor level of facilities for bus users in Deal with Kent Highway Services and we have been consulted about a number of plans, which I understand were unacceptable to other local stakeholders."

"We remain keen to see a bus facility in South Street that is fit for an attractive and prosperous town like Deal and which will meet the needs of our customers, as well as supporting our investment in accessible buses and provision of more frequent bus routes."

David Hall, head of transport and development at Kent Highway Services, said: "Kent Highway Services has already been holding discussions with Stagecoach East Kent about improving facilities for bus passengers in Deal, but other local people have found some suggestions unacceptable."

"We welcome further contributions, especially where individuals are experiencing difficulties."

"The Speaking Up Group can contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247600 or online at www.kent.gov.uk/highways."

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Green campaigners urge us to 'deal with it' while there's time

GREEN campaigners in Deal are raising the stakes in their fight for a sustainable living by bringing high-profile speakers to the town.

Dr Caroline Lucas, green member of the European Parliament for the South East, starts the series of talks on Friday at the Costing the Earth event, organised by local campaign group Deal With It.

Sean Furey from the Campaign to Protect Rural England will also be there to speak about the work the organisation does around the country and in Kent.

Five other talks will take place throughout the year on topics including local produce, transport and renewable energy, which will involve Labour MP Michael Meacher.

Deal With It, which started 18 months ago,

■ BY MARIJKE COX

has already had success with its ban the plastic bag campaign and hopes the meetings will be just as successful.

Rosie Rechter, one of the group's founders, said: "We decided this should be the next thing to do. We had a lot of support with our plastic bag campaign and hope to get the same reaction here."

"These talks are all about informing people about what they can do to help."

"We're hoping to draw in all parts of the community - we want to reach all groups. We've been spreading out into schools too."

Dr Lucas will be arriving at 6pm on Friday and is keen to chat to people before she carries out her talk on sustainable living.

She said: "How we live now will determine

how our children live in the future. If we live a more sustainable lifestyle which supports locally-based businesses, encourage the local food trade or growing our own food, and which makes it easier to cut back on fossil fuels, then our children will inherit a healthier and more prosperous society."

The MP said a failure to address these issues will "impoverish the planet" and contribute to climate change.

She continued: "We must take the green route out of recession with a green new deal in order to create a sustainable society."

"A green new deal for Deal is the best locals can offer to their children and future residents."

The meeting is at Deal Town Hall on Friday, at 6pm and refreshments will be available.

Space is limited so places must be booked by calling Deal With It on 01304 365157 or email dealwithittoday@yahoo.co.uk.

Swing into club night

THE Railway Swingtime band is putting on a special performance in Deal with a Michael Buble sound-alike.

The event is on Wednesday, February 18, at St George's Church at 7.30pm, in aid of the Rotary Club of Deal.

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RAISE A GLASS TO FESTIVAL

Gwyn Prosser pulls a pint at Dover's annual beer festival. As a member of the Campaign for Real Ale and the parliamentary all-party beer group, Dover and Deal MP Mr Prosser was happy to sample some of the real ale on offer at the town hall at the weekend.

He said: "I'm pleased to support the festival because as well as promoting good local beers it attracts hundreds of visitors to Dover from across the country and even from across the Channel, which is good for our hospitality industry and good business for Dover."

Refurbished club tees off with star

THE newly-refurbished clubhouse at Royal Cinque Ports Gold Club has been opened by legendary commentator Peter Alliss.

The former Ryder Cup golfer unveiled a plaque to commemorate the £1 million makeover which includes new locker room facilities and a sun terrace overlooking Pegwell Bay.

Mr Alliss said: "This club has had a special place in my heart for longer than I care to remember and it is a particular pleasure to do the honours in opening the refurbished clubhouse."

"The new facilities are handsome in the extreme and royally complement this grand

old golf course, which has always been one of my favourites."

The Deal club, which dates back to the 1890s, has risen to 39th in Golf World's latest top 100 list and received rave reviews following its five year reconditioning programme.

Chairman Nick Owen said: "We have always been proud of our world class golf course and now we can be equally proud of the clubhouse facilities we offer to members and visitors alike."

"We are fortunate to have such strong support from membership, which, bucking the national trend, is actually growing as more people discover what is on offer here at Deal."

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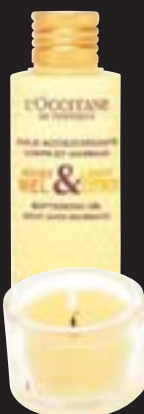
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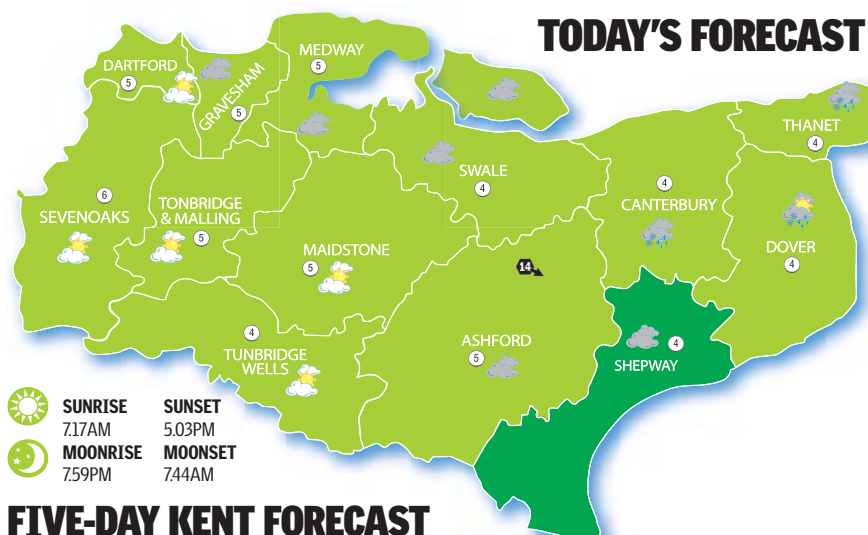
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Dungeness	Saturday	2:10pm	7.3m
	Sunday	2:51pm	6.9m
Ramsgate	Saturday	2:39pm	4.8m
	Sunday	3:17pm	4.6m
Sheerness	Saturday	3:50pm	5.7m
	Sunday	4:26pm	5.4m
Whitstable	Saturday	3:59pm	5.2m
	Sunday	4:31pm	5.0m



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Staff have concerns over removal of port's walkway

FERRY workers at the Port of Dover have hit out at plans to remove the crew walkway, saying this could add an hour and a half to each shift. Currently, staff manning the ferries walk to their cars using a bridge similar to that of foot passengers which runs above the customs area and to the staff car parks.

But plans by Dover Harbour Board are for the walkway to be taken down to make way for the new freight route which will connect to the new dock exit road.

One worker said: "The route that we'll have to walk when it's taken down is to the cliffs and then back around to the rear part of the docks. It will add around 45 minutes each way which means adding an hour and a half to each shift."

"For day-on, day-off crew that's a large amount of time to be adding onto shifts that are already quite long."

Staff are also concerned about safety with so many lorries being driven around the port.

Insisted

The worker said: "The route will be at ground level and many of us are concerned about health and safety."

But the harbour board has insisted the move is necessary to allow for the new freight route.

A spokesman said: "The walkway bridge across the inbound freight lanes is being removed as part of the new inbound freight route project. This has been discussed with ferry operators for some time."

"The footbridge has to be removed to make way for the new freight route which will connect to the new dock exit road and speed up the departure of freight traffic."

In response to safety fears the harbour board has insisted it is safe for ferry workers and has confirmed works will be under way shortly.

The spokesman said: "Unfortunately, this does mean a circuitous but safe route on foot for crew making their way to join vessels."

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The NHS in Eastern and Coastal Kent is pleased to announce a temporary extension of availability and opening hours of blood test services at Folkestone NHS Walk in-Centre, part of the Royal Victoria Hospital in Radnor Park Avenue.

The extended blood test service will be open for 3 extra hours in the weekday evenings and Saturday morning to test the demand and impact of providing extended Phlebotomy Department opening hours.

The temporary service is available 6 days a week until
Saturday 14th March 2009

The opening hours during this trial period are:
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A blood test, during the extended service, will be available as part of your treatment when visiting the Walk-in Centre or by a referral from your Doctor.

It is hoped that this temporary extension will give patients improved access when attending the Walk-in Centre. After the 24 week trial period the number of people using the extended service will be assessed to see if this service should be available for longer hours in the long term.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

MIRANDA HAYES



Q How did you get involved with Action With Communities In Rural Kent?

A Pure Fluke! Before I joined I was practice manager for a veterinary surgeon's in Dover. I was looking for a job for my sister who had recently moved down from London – I saw an advert for a deputy director and thought it looked interesting, so I applied and had an interview. I got a parking ticket while I was in there and then got a phone call from the director that evening offering me the job.

Q What is the main aim of the organisation?

A Our aims are to ensure that rural communities have the facilities, tools and skills they need to retain their self-sufficiency and sustainability. We do this through a number of ways, offering help and advice to local parish councils, particularly if they want to undertake a parish plan. We support and work with community halls and ensure the local shop is well stocked and supported so it can survive. We work with housing associations and local authorities to try to provide affordable housing. We also offer help and funding advice for parish plans and community groups across all of Kent and Medway.

Q What does your role involve?

A My role is mainly office-based and I administer three funding schemes: the EON Scheme in Medway, the ESF Community

Grant Fund and the COMMA Fund. I also line-manage five members of staff and help them achieve their individual project targets. I do the finance, including salaries and project funding returns. I organise the annual Village of the Year competition and prepare the end-of-year audit. I generally oversee the office and its associated equipment.

Q Which areas of Kent do you think need the most community support and advice?

A Most people would answer east Kent as there is a perception that east Kent is more deprived than the west of the county. While I understand the reasoning behind this, there are areas in west Kent which do need help and it does get a bit difficult when trying to fund individual projects which are trying to support those people who are deprived in west Kent.

Q Do you find your job rewarding?

A I most certainly do. Having a community undertake a parish plan and actually see some funding for the projects that the community has identified is fantastic. I also love the people I work with, they are so committed to helping communities to help themselves.

Q What is the hardest thing about it?

A Having to turn down a funding bid and not having enough hours in the day.

Q What hopes do you have for the year ahead for Action With Communities In Rural Kent?

A Action With Communities has been in existence since 1923. I hope that the organisation will go from strength to strength and that we will continue to find new ways to support small local communities.

Q What do you get up to outside work?

A I am married with four children, two of whom have left home. The youngest are ten and eight and they take up a lot of our time as we organise lifts to football, horse-riding, Stagecoach, cricket and piano lessons.

We also have three girls who we have previously looked after and have now adopted and although they are now 23, 21 and 20 we can't get them to leave for love nor money!

We are also registered foster carers and currently have two boys from Afghanistan living with us. Ian and I also support a couple of young parents who live alone.

I have a large family and I enjoy spending time with my brothers and sisters.

I go to the gym and swim three times a week. I love to cook and when I get home at night you can find me for the next two hours in the kitchen.

As you can imagine, I don't get to watch much telly, so I indulge my love of books and am normally found at about ten o'clock at night either in the bath or curled up in bed with a book.

Q & A

Miranda Hayes, deputy director of Action With Communities In Rural Kent, speaks to **Marijke Cox** about her satisfying role helping and supporting people and her busy out-of-work role as a foster carer

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MEP's bile at cruel international trade

EURO MP Sharon Bowles wants international pressure against the multi-million pound trade of bear bile to be stepped up.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown has supported an online petition against the cruel practice of bear bile extraction in many Asian countries.

Bear bile is highly lucrative, with a single gram fetching up to £14 on the global market. The trade is thought to be worth £60 million a year in China alone.

However, leading animal rights organisations, including the charity Animals Asia, have condemned the practice.

Kent MEP Sharon Bowles has been running a campaign on her website and participated in Moon Bear Fun Day with Animals Asia.

She said: "The Government has done all that is legally possible to ban the trade of bear bile within the UK.

"This is a great success and highlights the hard work of organisations like Animals Asia.

"However, this vile practice has not been banned in many Asian countries and reports indicate the trade is still widespread.

"The Government and the European Parliament must continue to put pressure on these

■ BY NICK AMES

authorities to bring a global end to the trade of bear bile."

Dave Neale, the UK director of Animals Asia, added: "In China, bear farming continues to incarcerate thousands of bears in despicable conditions.

"Animals Asia are working with the people and the Government of China to close down bear farms, rescue the bears to our China-based sanctuary and promote the many herbal and synthetic alternatives available to consumers.

"If we can stop the demand for bear bile we can ultimately free the bears and end this barbaric practice once and for all."

The trade exists due to the prescription of bear bile by doctors who practise traditional Chinese medicine.

The substance contains ursodeoxycholic acid, which is believed to reduce fever, protect the liver, improve eyesight, break down gallstones, and also act as an anti-inflammatory.

Only small amounts of bear bile is used in traditional remedies. About 500kg is used by practitioners every year.

But wildlife experts say more than 7,000kg is being produced, with the surplus used in products such as wines, eyedrops, and general tonics.



BEARY DEDICATED: Sharon Bowles, MEP for Kent, recently took part in Moon Bear Fun Day to help raise awareness of the cruel trade in bear bile which still takes place

A fashionable way to support children

FUND-raisers for Demelza Hospice Care for Children have organised a special event for ladies who lunch.

It is being staged to raise cash for the Bobbing-based hospice's work in caring for terminally ill children and their families.

Starting at noon on Thursday, April 2, at Eastwell Manor in Ashford, guests will enjoy a welcome drink where the opportunity will be given to view jewellery, handbags and clothing.

A three course lunch will be served half an hour later and between courses models from Cranbrook and Sevenoaks will be displaying various outfits on the catwalk.

There will be a raffle and the opportunity to purchase the fashion items on display.

Tickets are £40 per person with a maximum of ten per table, however there are a limited amount of spaces.

Laura Carey, area fund-raising manager for the hospice said: "I would like to thank Eastwell Manor for letting us use their facilities for our Spring Lunch and Fashion Show.

"This will be a great event and not only will it be enjoyable, it is a great way to support Demelza and raise awareness of the fantastic work it carries out."

Training to be a hot topic for castle visit

FIRE-FIGHTERS from across Kent will take part in a large-scale training exercise at Hever Castle.

As well as being an opportunity to practice their skills, the event on Sunday, February 22, will also test the historic building's salvage plans.

The three-hour exercise will involve fire-fighters from Edenbridge, Sevenoaks, Westerham, Tonbridge, Rusthall, Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells, Southborough, Seal and Sittingbourne.

Kent Fire and Rescue Service's urban search and rescue team will also be involved, as well as crews from Surrey.



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Month-long respect campaign embraced by Kent Police

Our 'gay-friendly force' in kids' essay contest

■ BY NICK AMES

KENT Police are asking children to write an essay as part of a month-long celebration of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history.

The county force, recently recognised as one of the most gay-friendly employers in Britain, has a series of events throughout February.

These include exhibitions, a quiz, a celebration dinner-dance and the competition, which has an under-14s category.

Youngsters are asked to write an essay explaining what this month's slogan 'All different, same respect' means to them.

It also has a 15-17 category and an 18-plus section, with the winners receiving a £25 book token and a Kent Police shield.

Kent County Council is also backing the activities, which include a month-long exhibition at County Hall.

A seminar has been held providing a brief overview of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history. The dance took place on Sunday and featured a five-course meal. The history quiz takes place at Lenham Community Centre on Thursday, February 26.

Kent Police are one of the most gay-friendly employers in Britain, according to the Stonewall Workplace Equality Index 2009, which researches attitudes towards sexuality.

The force was ranked fourth – up 22 places



RAINBOW COALITION: Kent Police's support for the gay community and minorities has earned praise

from last year – because of “a proactive lesbian, gay and bisexual support network, which meets regularly with the Chief Constable and other chief officers to discuss relevant issues”.

The group also helps with recruitment and retention and can provide specialised knowledge in specific areas of policing.

But the celebration is not without its critics. A spokesman for the Campaign Against Political Correctness said she felt “the police

can get a bit obsessed about this sort of thing”.

“It's all part of a bigger picture and we wouldn't say anything if there was just, for instance, one event a month,” she said.

“But a whole lot together is a bit much. You have to ask, what good does this sort of thing actually do? And is any money being spent on this? If so, is it the right way to spend money allocated for law enforcement?”

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Haunting images to make us think

A HARROWING new £3.2m THINK! campaign highlights the life-wrecking consequences of speeding for drivers and their victims has been launched by road safety minister Jim Fitzpatrick.

And the county's police are backing the campaign with ‘zero tolerance to speeding’.

The new message is that if you kill someone while speeding you will be tormented for ever.

In the new TV advert a driver is haunted by images of the child he has killed – seeing him in the mirror; through the window of a bus and while in the park with his son.

Mr Fitzpatrick said: “More than 700 people were killed in 2007 in accidents where someone was driving too fast – that's two people every day of the year who didn't go home to their families.



“The last THINK! campaign on speeding highlighted the fact that if you hit a child at 30mph there's an 80 per cent chance they will live, but if you hit them at 40mph there's an 80 per cent chance they will die. It's 30mph for a reason. We want motorists to consider the consequences of speeding; what life is like for the driver who kills because they are in a rush.

“I hope this powerful campaign will get drivers to kill their speed before it's too late.”

Department for Transport figures for 2007 show that in the South East 265 people were killed or seriously injured on 30mph roads where excessive speed was reported as a contributory factor.

A Kent Police spokesman said: “We take a zero-tolerance approach to speeding. We use a combination of enforcement and education, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to drive home the message that we expect people to obey the law. The consequences of dangerous, irresponsible and antisocial behaviour on the roads can be horrendous.”

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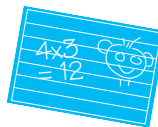
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No mountain's high enough for Sandwich pupil

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A PUPIL from a school in Sandwich has travelled to Borneo to climb Mount Kinabalu in aid of a children's charity.

Matthew Laslett, 14, flew to South-East Asia with his father Richard on Saturday to embark on the two-day climb, which begins today (Wednesday).

The Sandwich Technology School pupil is raising money for Kent Kids Miles of Smiles, a charity based in Canterbury that helps improve the quality of life for sick and disabled children.

He has already raised £700, exceeding his target of £400.

Before setting off, Matthew spoke to Yourdover about his trip. He said: "My dad went to Borneo in 2003 and I thought it would be great to go with him this time to share the experience and also raise money for charity."

"I chose Kent Kids Miles of Smiles as it's a local charity, which means I can nip up there and visit them and I'd also like to help out there over the summer holidays."

Before they left, Matthew and his father had committed most of their time to training for the climb.

Matthew said: "We've been out on long walks and jogs. It will involve a lot of endurance. I've never done anything like this before, so I'm quite nervous but also very excited."



"I've got a little bit of experience in mountain climbing, though, so I should be OK."

"This whole experience will give me the opportunity to give something to the people who help others, like they do at Kids Miles of Smiles."

The youngster will be spending a night in a mountain hut at 3,200 metres while he acclimatises to the high altitude before attempting to reach the summit at 4,095 metres.

His mother Juliet said: "Matthew is a typical 14-year-old boy – always running around and very outdoorsy, so this will be great for him."

"His school has been very supportive and he has already beaten his target of £400 because of all their support."

"This experience will be a good opportunity for him to talk to people and he also wants to help out at the charity in the summer."



Picture: Ann Woolley

BREATHTAKING: Views from Mount Kinabalu that Matthew Laslett (top) will see on his climb for charity

BREAK TIME

Police lend a helping hand at nursery

NURSERY school children have got to know officers from the neighbourhood policing team in Dover.

PC Karen Burrows and St Radigund's PCSO Tracy Allum paid a visit to Rainbows Nursery, based at White Cliffs Primary School in St Radigund's Road.

Children were shown equipment worn by the officers and had the chance to sit in a police car with its lights flashing.

PCSO Allum said: "It was nice to meet the children and let them know that the police are there to help them."

"They were very interested in the equipment on our utility belts and loved having a go turning on the blue light in the police car."

The visit is part of a series of themes being used at the nursery based on The People Who Help Us.

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It's snow fun any more when the party ignores these parts

LAST week felt a little bit like there was a party everyone else was invited to, except for those of us in this part of the county.

The party was a snow extravaganza and the bulk of the UK put on their warm dancing shoes while we twiddled our thumbs and simply watched from afar and wondered what might have been.

While everyone else west of Maidstone seemed to be having to dig themselves out of their homes and then strapping tennis rackets to their shoes to reach their garden gate, the east of the county was left wondering what all the fuss was about.

Granted, if you live on high ground round these parts, then there was a decent helping of the white stuff to keep you entertained. But for the rest of us, the star of this party – the heavy white cloud-like one everyone wanted to spend some quality time with – did no more

than pop his metaphorical head around our door, say 'Hi' and then hot-foot it to where he really wanted to be... which appeared to be everywhere but here.

Because while, yes, there was some snow earlier in the week, by the end of that downfall on Monday – just as our hopes were soaring – rain gatecrashed the party just as it was warming up and turned our fun into a damp mush.

For us there was no road chaos. There were no schools slamming shut their doors for the duration. There were no snowmen living to fight another day.

And nor, most importantly and most annoyingly, was there any chance of avoiding work for a day on the grounds of it "simply being too dangerous to try and get in – tell you what, I'll work from home and certainly not take out a sledge and immediately head to the slopes the second I put this phone down". And I resent that.

It's like the same way employers factor into your wages that you're likely to have a handful of days sick during the year. I also like to

think that there's a one- or two-day allowance for inclement weather.

So I've been robbed of a couple of days of work-free fun. Sorry, I mean, working-from-home hardship. But the snow issue is one which is disappointing me now pretty much on an annual basis. Because we just don't seem to get a decent deluge any more.

Granted, if you've picked up this paper at the station and are heading west, you'll probably be passing people still living in igloos and carving ornate creatures out of the snow as a living.

But it appears if you live within a short drive of the coast, you can kiss goodbye to toboggan high-jinks or sticking a carrot on a snowman in a rude and amusing manner.

And if that's not enough to drive down already deflated house prices, I don't know what is.

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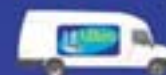
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TALK TIME

PHILIP EVANS

Medicinal herbalist and author Philip Evans talks about alternative health care how he found the right formula in partnership with Anita Ralph



How did you become a medicinal herbalist?

It was a calling. Someone said I might be good at it, so in 1986 I took a four-year training course and qualified. Now it's actually a degree course. Since 1991 I've been a member of the National Institute of Medicinal Herbalists and I've been a member of the British Institute of Allergy and Environment Therapy since 1992. I opened Ralph and Evans in 1997 with Anita Ralph. I've also written a book, *The Simple Guide to Using Herbal Medicine*.

What complaints do you treat?

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YOUR LETTERS

Being disabled is not an easy ride

I read with interest the letter regarding disabled drivers paying for parking spaces.

My husband has been disabled for 16 years and we frequently find the disabled bays in car parks are full.

These are sometimes filled by those 'disabled' who manage to walk into town, raising questions about the seriousness of their disability – or are they using a blue badge that really belongs to the true disabled person?

Jon West (letters, January 28) is under the impression we get free cars, free insurance, free tax, free servicing and free tyres.

Perhaps he can show us where these come from. We get Disability Allowance at the higher mobility rate which can be used to purchase a vehicle on the Motability Scheme.

This means handing over the allowance, so that cuts income immediately. Yes, we get free road tax, because my husband cannot walk.

We do not get free insurance, servicing or tyres. We have to buy those from our benefit income.

We also buy our own car (used) because we could not afford to give up the mobility allowance and it would mean not paying bills like gas, electric, water, food, property insurance, mortgage, life insurance etc.

We park on double yellow lines only in an emergency and we do take care where we park.

Maybe Mr West could start a campaign to eliminate the illegal

use of the blue badges by those who are able to walk. In our experience, there are 'disabled' and 'wannabe disabled'. More stringent checking is required.

Jean Cutting
Folkestone

Beeb's Gaza appeal ban was so wrong

The director general and the board of trustees of the BBC should be sacked for their refusal to broadcast the Disasters Emergency Committee's Gaza crisis appeal.

The appeal by the UK's leading aid agencies can in no way be seen as harbouring political bias in favour of the citizens of Gaza or Hamas.

Rather it is an appeal for urgent humanitarian aid to help the families of those who have died and suffered in the conflict and who are now left struggling to survive.

The Home Secretary should launch an investigation into what representations were received by the BBC from Israeli sources that persuaded Mark Thompson and his board to refuse the appeal.

Donald Worsley

Labour candidate for Folkestone and Hythe

Where did it all 'go wrong' for BNP?

"It is a new BNP today and local people are voting for them and I would vote BNP, too. I confess that I have been totally disillusioned with Labour" – Sarfraz Sarwar, chairman of Basildon's Islamic Centre,

speaking to the Basildon Evening Echo.

"Throughout the region the BNP is active, campaigning on local issues and benefiting from disillusionment with local councils and the mainstream parties. The BNP is winning up to 40 per cent of the vote in some wards in the North East" – from a Labour party/TUC leaflet.

In a by-election in Boston, Lincolnshire, the BNP got more votes than the four opposition parties put together.

In another three by-elections the BNP were 15, 16 and 17 votes short of victory, reducing in one ward a Labour majority of more than 1,010 votes to 16.

This is happening all over the country. Can Ray Duff explain why? Where are we going wrong?

Perhaps you can tell me why 2009 will see a meteoric rise of the BNP, especially when we are destined to get two or three MEPs into the European Parliament.

According to Mr Duff, a Somali, Bengali or whatever nationality can come to this country, be naturalised then become a part of the 'indigenous population'.

Any schoolboy knows you can't become 'indigenous' by being 'naturalised'. Another matter is his assertion that the BNP has a 'hidden agenda'. I would like to ask what this is, as I have always thought it was to put the interests of British people first.

Harry Williams
BNP candidate for Shepway

Please direct your energy elsewhere

I attended the British Energy-EDF public meeting at Lydd on

January 29. Many people seemed unaware just what HM Nuclear Installation Inspectorate is and what powers it has.

So I asked. A member of the panel stated that to answer the question could take up the rest of the meeting, but to keep it brief, he made the following points:

It is responsible for the overall safety of all nuclear installations in this country.

It can reject or approve the design for the licence on a new nuclear power station based on a safety risk assessment.

It has the power to shut down any nuclear installation where there could be a risk to the public.

The inspectorate does not have a safety problem with the proposed redevelopment at Lydd airport or with the proposed new C station at Dungeness.

A quote from a NII letter, dated October 30, 2008, to Shepway planning office: "It is clear that the risk of impact on the nuclear site primarily comes from random failures of aircraft, but unconnected with take-off and landing activities at Lydd airport."

So please, let's not hear any more nonsense about 60 seconds to disaster when A, B and the proposed C power stations are directly under one of the largest international flight paths.

Yet these same objectors never make one reference to the six nuclear power stations just across the Channel in France, also under the same flight paths.

Summary from the quoted letter: "The NII has undertaken an assessment to the risks posed from the proposed changes in operations at Lydd airport and has consulted widely, both internally and externally with

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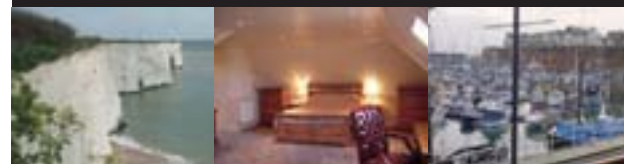
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technical experts and other stakeholders. We have therefore come to the conclusion that we have no reasons for objection to the development proposals on safety grounds as risks posed do not challenge the targets laid down in our own safety assessment principle."

I therefore call on the public and councillors to support both these projects. Both are financed by private money and they are this region's greatest opportunity to create good and long-lasting jobs and an opportunity for our young school leavers to acquire engineering skills so desperately needed not only in this area but in the country as a whole.

B Godfrey, Lyminge
FLAG (Friends of Lydd Airport Group)

Suffering inflicted by intensive pig-farming

Channel 4's Jamie Saves Our Bacon was a masterclass in deception.

The show focused on condemning overseas pig production systems with no mention that the most common UK system – intensive farming – keeps pregnant sows incarcerated in crates for four weeks at a time; that pigs are forced to live in barren pens with no enrichment or bedding; and that these intelligent animals are denied everything that makes life tolerable.

On the show, Mr Oliver decried the use of the dry sow stall in other

countries, with no mention that British farmers fought hard to keep this barbaric contraption in the UK.

The programme sold these animals short. Readers interested in seeing footage from Animal Aid's investigation into leading pig farm operators in the country can visit www.animalaid.org.uk.

Kate Fowler, Animal Aid, Tonbridge

Pleased to meter you

So all residents are to be obliged to have water meters. I have had one since 2006.

At that time there were real advantages in having one, particularly if you had a small family.

Now increases in standing charges for the water meter, plus unmeasured standing charges for waste water drainage, also surface water drainage, plus highway drainage, means anyone intending to reduce their metered consumption is only very slightly better off, thus diminishing any incentive to save water.

My account with Folkestone and Dover Water, with waste-water disposal by Southern Water, shows combined standing charges of £20.67 a quarter before anyone even turns on a tap.

Even with a measured water supply, 30 per cent or more of bills can be made up from fixed charges over which customers have no control.

Andy Cadier
Folkestone

Cashing in on VAT

In a recent email to me, Cllr Nigel Collor declines to pass on the reduction in VAT on off-street parking in Dover, claiming the cost of changing signs *etc* cannot be justified.

According to Cllr Collor, the money will be retained by the district council and used at some later time to "ensure the community does not lose".

We are talking serious amounts here, possibly in excess of £40,000 over a full year.

This was money intended by Government as an immediate stimulus for the economy, which it will not get if the council holds on to it.

Two points. Firstly, by not returning the money to those who initially paid it, namely the public, the council is effectively raising parking charges, something it had undertaken not to do for two years.

Secondly, it is not for the council to decide how this money is spent. It doesn't belong to them and, anyway, the part of the community most deserving is the shopkeepers and local traders it was intended to help in the first place.

We are in a recession, which local policy on parking has contributed towards, driving customers out of town. The campaign for the abolition of town centre parking charges for the remainder of 2009 continues.

Everyone with an interest is urged to lobby their local representatives.

Andy Maple
Deal

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Two men and a play

Duo play 15 characters in this unusual Irish comedy

RURAL Ireland meets the glamour of Hollywood in the hit stage comedy **Stones In His Pockets**.

An array of colourful characters appears in this culture clash story about a movie production crew that decides to film in a quiet Irish village.

The local community is overwhelmed with excitement and the demand for extras, leading to lots of hilarious incidents and some tensions among the villagers.

What makes this award-winning play particularly remarkable is that the large cast of film folk and bemused locals is portrayed by just two actors. David Caves and Jack Reynolds play 15 characters between them, from two young Irish men dreaming of fame to the Hollywood diva who stars in the movie.

Caves revealed that with so many switches between characters, there is not much time to worry about forgetting his lines.

"It's fairly relentless and you don't

STONES IN HIS POCKETS

Tuesday, February 17
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



have time to indulge in much, which is good," he said.

"The costume changes are fairly minimal. There's not much set, really, and just a trunk containing several jackets and waistcoats that we change into, so the audience can see that difference and attach certain items to certain people.

"Sometimes it's so quick, the change is more of a physical thing."

The audience does need to pay attention as it does not have the luxury of several actors dressed in wigs and costumes to differentiate between characters. However, Caves has found that audiences quickly grasp the concept and find the unusual experience very interesting.

"I think the audience gets a lot of pleasure out of recognition of the characters," he said. "Sometimes it will get a laugh even before I speak,

just because I change the way I put my legs or something."

With such a variety of people to bring to life, Caves already has a couple of favourites among the large cast.

"I really like playing the Hollywood actress, people really respond to her," he said. "I also like Finn, who's a bit of a simpleton who goes on quite a journey."

Written by Marie Jones, **Stones In His Pockets** has won numerous awards, including the Laurence Olivier Award for best new comedy, and received three Tony nominations on Broadway.

"It sets out its stall really quickly as a light-hearted comedy, but it does have some quite poignant moments," Caves said.

"It's cleverly written. The author has juxtaposed the humour with quite a serious sucker-punch. It's great when you feel the audience is with you during those funny moments, then literally in seconds you are talking about something that's rather sad."

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JETHRO

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Jethro started his working life in the Cornish tin mines and trained to be a carpenter before taking up singing in pubs. When his voice dried up one day, he filled the silence by telling jokes and found these proved far more popular than his songs.

His career has gone from strength to strength since that day, though Jethro does not appear on television or radio a great deal, preferring to rely on word of mouth to attract audiences.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £18/£17. Book at www.leascliffhall.org.uk or call the box office on 0844 8471776.

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Friday, February 20
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Keen to prove they are more than just Jonathan Ross's sidekicks, the popular house band from his BBC television show are bringing their brand of camp fun to Kent.

The band had a fairytale beginning – when three actors joined the London Gay Men's Chorus back in 2000, they decided to get together and try to earn extra money by singing. One of their members was a receptionist at London's exclusive Groucho Club and their first gig as a quartet was a slot in the annual charity show in front of an audience of famous faces.

A few days later they received a call inviting them to become the house band on Friday Night with Jonathan Ross. Global megastars such as Madonna and Will Smith have been welcomed by their dulcet tones and they have even more to offer.

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will also be there to discuss their work.

Once the digging is done, children can meet the exotic birds in the aviaries, discover the grotto and become a hero in the Knights' Realm playground.

Admission to the castle costs £15 for adults, £12.50 for concessions and £9.50 for children. Tickets are valid for one year. For more information call 01622 765400 or visit the website at www.leeds-castle.com.

DOVER LEISURE

Pop into the museum for traditional games

DISCOVER the toys and games of the past at Dover Museum's next family day on Tuesday.

Both children and adults are invited to try their hand at everything from table bowls to tiddlywinks, as part of the museum's temporary exhibition about past-times. Drop in between 10am and 4.30pm. Normal museum entry fees apply. See www.dovermuseum.co.uk.

Enjoy film in all its glory during annual festival

CELEBRATE celluloid at Dover Film Festival this Monday and Tuesday.

There will be film screenings at Connaught Hall at 3pm and 7.30pm both days. Admission is £3.50 for adults, £3 for senior citizens and £2 for children. Tickets can be bought at Dover Visitor Centre and 4 Harold Street.

For full details about events see www.dover-film.com.

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Month of treats introduce Quarterhouse to the scene



■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE county's newest entertainment venue kicks off in style in March – with a month-long programme of soloists, bands and DJs.

Quarterhouse's dedicated Music Month features a host of fresh sounds and rising stars across all genres, moving seamlessly from indie and dance to hip-hop and jazz.

Kent singer/songwriter Nick Harrison will headline the Folkestone venue's opening MM night on Friday, March 6, with support coming from the likes of Seven Story Down, Floors and Walls and Kids Love Lies.

MOBO-award-winning hip-hop star Sway will take the mic the following night. Support comes from DJ 279, Afrikan Boy, Bubbz, Nate Glace and Backbeat Junkie.

A silent disco – the cool kids' current craze – will be held on Friday, March 20, followed by 3 Daft Monkeys on the Saturday.

Twice BBC Jazz Award nominees The Robert Mitchell Trio will bring the month to a close on Saturday 28, performing covers of million-selling mainstream acts such as Radiohead and Massive Attack.

Festival manager Roberta Spicer said the MM line-up was purposefully broad, saying: "We've worked hard to programme the best in fresh young talent, as well as some of the UK's top acts to ensure Folkestone and Quarterhouse are put on the map for live music."

"Music Month gives us the chance to gauge audience reaction to different music and to showcase the facilities at Quarterhouse."

• For more information, visit www.monthofmusic.co.uk



ALL SORTS: Sway (left) and Nick Harrison are two of the great acts on offer in a month of varied music

LINE-UP

Friday, March 6 – BBC Kent Introducing: First Birthday Party
Performances from Nick Harrison, Seven Story Down, Floors and Walls and Kids Love Lies and acoustic sets by MC Spooka, Mr Barista, Outa City Committee and Tom Williams and the Boat
Saturday 7 – Sway plus support
Friday 13 – Salsa night featuring Cache
Saturday 14 – Sellindge Music Festival Mainstage Talent Final
Friday 20 – Shhh! Silent Disco
Saturday 21 – 3 Daft Monkeys plus support
Friday 27 – Dead Kids plus Koko Von Napoo
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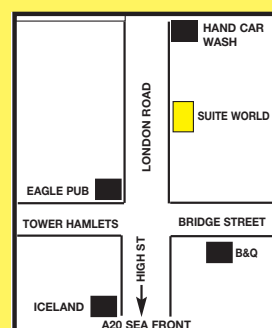
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 **THE GREEN GREEN GRASS**
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 **EARLY DOORS**
BBC 4, 9.30pm, Tuesday

PEOPLE often say good things about BBC1's *The Green Green Grass*, but truth be told I'm not sure why.

'Successful spin-off' is one term often used to describe this show and 'light comedy' is another.

I can see why the first applies – it certainly has viewers far beyond what many would ever have estimated – but the comedy part is stretching it a bit far.

Focusing on Only Fools and Horses wide boy Boycie's post-Del Boy move to live in the country, the laughs are not exactly free flowing.

On the original show, and seen in bits and pieces, the character worked well, making up the great cast of odd-balls and everymen that made *Only Fools* one of the best-loved shows of its generation, but there is nowhere near enough material for a whole show and series.

The jokes are as predictable as Britain grinding to a halt in a snow storm and the acting pitiful.

In stark contrast to that, the BBC has dipped into its archives and decided to repeat one of its lesser-known gems.

The excellent *Early Doors*, now on BBC 4, owes a huge debt to the Royle Family.

A good few of the actors who have appeared in that sit-com appear here and, dripping with that same Mancunian humour, this show always deserved to be much bigger than it actually was.

Indeed Craig Cash, dippy Dave from its sister show, is one of the writers here.

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PULL 'EM IN: BBC 4 is currently re-showing the little-known comedy series *Early Doors*

The Grapes, a backstreet boozer in the rain-sodden city, run by the tight-fisted Ken.

James McAvoy also crops up in an early pre-Hollywood role as Liam, the well-meaning Irish boyfriend of the landlord's daughter, Mel, the apple of Ken's eye.

However, it is the two work-shy policemen Phil and Nigel who steal the show.

Never ones to let a criminal get in the way of supping ale in the pub's back room, the put-upon pair end each session with their mantra "crime won't crack itself" before stumbling out the door, CB radios blaring with requests of their whereabouts.

Just two series and a total of 12 episodes were ever made and BBC 4 isn't that far into its run of the series so there's time to tune in for yourself.

It's sad that while *Early Doors* disappeared off our screens with no fuss, *The Green Green Grass* is prime-time fodder on BBC 1.

Some justice, eh?

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

LITIGATION involving an inheritance or community property could wreak havoc with your personal life. Is it easier to walk away from this fight? After all, possessions are only things while memories are forever. If you can't let this matter rest, take a calm and rational approach.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

ARGUMENTS with a youngster could erupt. They want more freedom, but you're worried about their security. Sure, there are a lot of dangers out there, but you've got to teach them how to cope. Shielding them won't give them the skills to deal with the big, bad world.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

NO matter how hard you work it may be difficult to save money. That's because you have so many outgoings. When this happens you need to consult a financial manager who can help you consolidate bills and lower your interest rates. There's no shame in getting help.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

IT may be hard to find common ground with someone younger. You had very different needs when you were young. Stop giving them what you think they require and ask them about their needs instead. Be sure to encourage their interests, too, even if you can't understand them.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

SOMEONE'S behaviour is driving you crazy. Resist the urge to heap criticism on their shoulders. Therapy may be necessary for them to turn a corner. If your loved one refuses to get help, you may have to keep your distance. Although you care, sticking around will only encourage their antics.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

FAMILY may not support a desired career move. Usually you don't bother about other people's approval. This time it hurts to think your relatives don't believe in your abilities. Perhaps the reason they're angry is because they think you're shirking your responsibilities.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

IT'S hard to trust someone who seems erratic. Actually, they just have a different set of values from yours. By taking the time to study their movements you will see a method to their madness. Unlike you, your friend has no interest in upholding the status quo.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

RESIST the temptation to compromise your principles for the sake of harmony. Making an unpopular choice will be difficult personally, but will ultimately help the greatest amount of people. By standing firm and keeping a cool head, you will prevail and keep your integrity.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

WORRY and overwork could take a toll on your health. If you want to exorcise your subconscious demons, get out a pen and some paper. Describe the problem you're grappling with and then work out the worst case scenario. You'll realise your fears are probably unfounded.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

NEGATIVE thinking could prevent you from reaching the top of your game. If you're going on a job interview, present yourself as an enthusiastic problem solver. When asked about your previous positions, talk about them in a good light. The more upbeat you are, the better your chances.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

FEELING lonely in a big crowd is an unsettling sensation. It's not that you want to be an outsider. It's just the people around you have different priorities. It may be time to seek greener pastures. If that means finding a new job, so be it. The one you have may not be stable, anyway.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

KEEP an open mind when dealing with somebody who has extreme views. Although some of their observations are way out and wacky, it's important to respect people's opinions. Resist the urge to convert them to a more centrist position. A tiger will never change its stripes.

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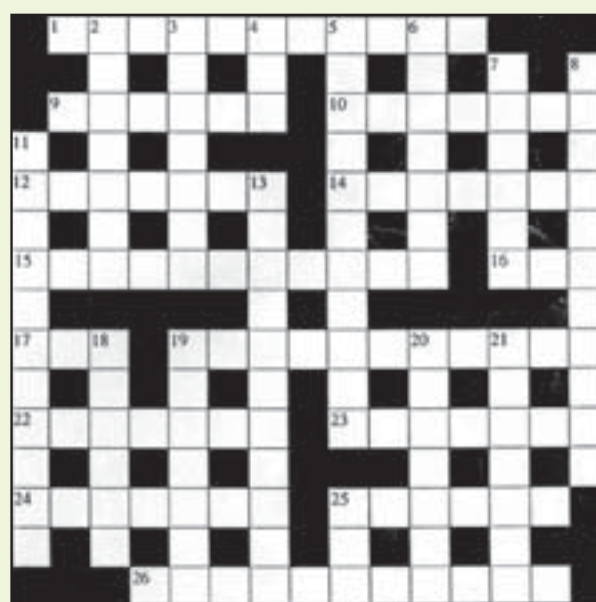
ACROSS

- 1 Sandwich taller than a bus? (5-6)
- 9 Shot bird on day one (6)
- 10 Swiss lake plant (7)
- 12 Dry after being exposed outside (4-3)
- 14 One getting in shed about to regret arrogance (7)
- 15 Jestng a bit in all seriousness (6,5)
- 16 Tree used in model-making (3)
- 17 Up-to-date novel (3)
- 19 Shift the pub's cask and shift responsibility (4,3,4)
- 22 The glass could be falling (7)
- 23 Part of kettledrum Linda found on glacial mound (7)
- 24 Regroup, nothing is lost from regional reorganisation (7)
- 25 Band strip (6)
- 26 The one asking the questions to cover one watching TV (11)

DOWN

- 2 Fowl to feed itself will behave in a domineering manner (7)
- 3 Account for old agonising sensation round top of leg (7)
- 4 Flop up and down (3)
- 5 Cruel and chilly at the centre? (4-7)
- 6 About to get involved with awful unrest and form a hard coating (7)
- 7 Economic measure of low degree (6)
- 8 Drunk producing cheerful celebration (11)
- 11 Study point in time producing combination of circumstances (11)
- 13 New confidence having taken out another policy? (11)
- 18 Deep cavity at last for marsupial (6)
- 19 Passenger Penny taking charge about to be unwell (7)
- 20 Could be equal, it isn't extreme (7)
- 21 Relax grip on louse struggling (7)
- 25 Priest prevented from appearing (3)

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ACROSS

- 1 That can be defended (11)
- 9 Truth (6)
- 10 Use bath (anag.) (4,3)
- 12 Woollen yarn (7)
- 14 Royal attendant (7)
- 15 Incitement (11)
- 16 Hasten (3)
- 17 For (3)
- 19 Vegetable stew (11)
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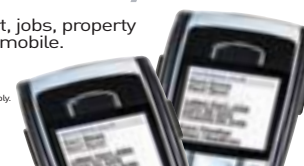
- 2 Dig up (7)
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- 4 Winged insect (3)
- 5 Shortened (11)
- 6 Town in Co. Antrim (7)
- 7 Stiffener (6)
- 8 US brig found afloat in North Atlantic in 1872 (4,7)
- 11 Yam (5-6)
- 13 Fix a limit (4,3,4)
- 18 Derivation (6)
- 19 More ostentatiously rich (7)
- 20 Unrealistically hopeful (7)
- 21 Baggage (7)
- 25 ___ Wednesday (3)

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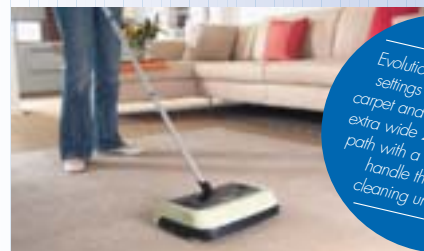
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QUICK SOLUTION No74

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PROPERTY NEWS

Thousands more could be losing their homes

THERE could be 75,000 home repossession this year, according to the Council of Mortgage Lenders.

But there are concerns that this figure could be an under-estimate, following research by MoneyExpert.com.

The independent comparison website has revealed more than 900,000 homeowners have missed at least one mortgage repayment in the last six months.

This represents one in 12 homeowners. Just a year ago, only one in 25 of the people holding the 11.8 million outstanding mortgages in the country missed a payment.

MoneyExpert.com considers that missing a mortgage payment is as serious as it gets and is a clear signal a homeowner's finances are at breaking point.

More than 1,000 homes are being taken back by lenders every week, according to the Financial Services Authority, despite interest rate cuts and new Government schemes to help struggling home-owners.

Unless banks and building societies pass on the bank rate reductions to borrowers, mortgages are still too expensive for some people.

Prices show hope but it's still too early to tell

THE average price of homes across the country rose by 1.9 per cent in January, according to the Halifax.

This news is sure to bring a boost to the housing market, which has been under severe strain in the last few months.

However, the building society's analysts warned that one month's figures did not indicate an end to the downward trend in prices, which they say have dropped 17.2 per cent in the past year.

The average house price has now reached £163,966, according to the Halifax.

Martin Ellis, chief economist at the Halifax, said his bank's latest survey did not necessarily mean the property market had reached a turning point after last year's dramatic slump in mortgage lending, completed sales and prices.

"It's far too early to make any conclusion," he said.

"The figures are going against the trend and our survey shows that if you compare the last three months to the previous three months then prices are still down significantly, by about five per cent."



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TAKING A CLOSER LOOK: As measures are taken to try to boost our property market, buyers are finally taking an interest, but they are not all from close to home

International interest in our homes on the up as discounts draw buyers

■ BY NICK AMES

bargain for anyone earning dollars or euros.

He said: "As well as indigenous interest, we have also witnessed a substantial increase in registration from buyers across the world.

"With discounts of up to 40 per cent on some property due to last year's price falls and some lenders offering best-buy mortgage rates of below four per cent, UK house prices currently look like a bargain to foreign buyers.

"We have quite definitely seen an increase in buyer enquiries and as we are right at the sharp end of any housing market transactions we predict continued growth in buyer activity."

County Homesearch believes this news rein-

forces the findings of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, which reported that "buying interest is now at levels not seen since 2006".

Mr Haward added: "Those buyers who have no need of a mortgage can rely on us to negotiate some very real bargains, and even if house prices dip by another five to ten per cent, we can see some excellent house price growth starting in 2010.

"In five years' time today's buyer will be sitting on a substantial profit."

Estate agents in Kent have also stated that the market is getting better and have encouraged mortgage lenders to be more flexible in their approach to making loans – boosting the market by encouraging potential purchasers.

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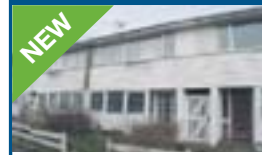
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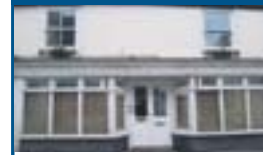
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Bairstow Eves are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £82,000 for 44 St. Johns Street, Folkestone, CT20 1JB. Anyone wishing to place an offer on the property should contact Bairstow Eves, 131a Sandgate Road, Folkestone, CT20 2BL telephone: 01303 259211 prior to exchange of contracts.

HAWKINGE



£90,000

Mews with hallway, bath/WC to the grd floor, lounge, kitchen and bedroom. Double glazed. Two parking spaces.

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£104,000

Porch, entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, 2 beds & bath/WC. GCH. Double glazing. Rear garden with store.

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£105,000

Hallway, lounge, kitchen, 2 beds and bath/WC. GCH, double glazing, rear garden and no chain.

CHERITON



£125,000

Hallway, lounge, dining rm, kitchen, 3 beds and bath/WC. Double glazing, GCH. Garden. Hardstanding to front.

CHERITON



£155,000

Lounge/diner, kitchen, 3 beds and bath/WC. Double glazing, GCH and rear garden.

FOLKESTONE



£159,950

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ETCHINGHILL



£195,000

Porch, hallway, cloak, lounge, kit/diner, utility, 3 beds, en-suite/WC, bath/WC, office/play, gge and gardens.

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£199,995

Property has been improved including: fitted kitchen, modern bathroom, extended garage/utility and gardens.

FOLKESTONE



£199,995

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Attractive, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTm intelligent, professional, affectionate guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

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I'm Rachel, 35, medium, enjoys pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, cinema, theme parks, looking someone special to share things with. Box 448591

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Ashtford-based woman looking for an honest, friendly, caring, and loving man. I have two kids, and enjoy the usual things in life. Box 446985

HERE WE ARE

Shy girl, 38, loves having laughs and lots of fun, seeks similar guy to enjoy special moments and hopefully love with. Box 448679

A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTm a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

NO TIES

Lonely, bored, professional Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTm slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 443573

THE SIMPLE THINGS...

I like reading/writing, going out, music. Seeking kind, genuine, honest chap; I'm a 40yr old woman who enjoys the simple things in life. Box 448542

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FANCY A DRINK?

Hi I'm Judith, 40, small, blonde hair, blue eyes, love the sea and water-sports, cinema, animals; WLTm fun-loving guy for friendship and see what happens. Box 448107

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Hello, I'm Nikki, 41yr young, 5ft1, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possible romance and fun times. Box 444796

LET'S CLICK

WLTm a nice guy with a similar nature; I'm an outgoing woman, 42, with brown hair and green eyes. Tell me about you! Box 446847

TOGETHER?

Slender lady, 42, 5ft9, long dark hair, loves walking her dogs, enjoys the outdoors, seeks gentleman to spend time with and get to know. Box 446981

FAST LOVE

Single lady, 43, likes gardening, eating out, cinema, music and more, seeking male for friendship and maybe more. Box 446991

AIMING HIGH

6ft blonde aerobics instructor, female, 43, seeking decent, tall, fit male for companionship, hopefully leading to a relationship in my spare time (mainly afternoons). Box 446017

THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

COUNTRY LASS SEARCHING FOR LOVE

Country-loving happy lady, 43, green eyes, long curly hair, good figure, looking for a genuine guy for a serious relationship and happy moments. Battle. Box 883723

TACTILE

Divorced single mum, 43, from Kent, likes swimming, cinema, walking on the beach, socialising and sharing a bottle of wine, looking for a nice man. Box 448900

BLONDE AMBITION

Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 38, 5'6", likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614

ANIMAL LOVER?

Nurse, 37, 5ft2, 5ft8, blonde/blue, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for a kind, caring, loyal male Box 431557

SCOTTISH LASS

Maggie here, I'm a Scottish girl, 39, 5ft2, been living down South for nearly 16 years. I like pubs, cinema, wine bars. Box 883010

YOUNG-AT-HEART

Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893

COME ON DOWN!

Honest, bubbly female 45, long hair, slim, enjoys walking, cinema, socialising; seeks honest, friendly chap for friendship, leading to more. Box 882693

SOULMATE SOUGHT

African descent female, 45, 5ft6, full figure, radiant, happy, attractive, loves music, theatre, travel, the arts, WLTm gentleman who is cultured, kind, solvent and fun. Box 443998

HERE WE ARE

Easilygoing female, 45, self-employed hairdresser, likes theatre, restaurants, socialising, sofa cuddles, seeking loyal, loving, caring male for good times and more. Box 444672

HERE AND NOW

Genuine young lady, 45, 5ft2, seeking loving, caring, honest, reliable guy to have fun and enjoy romance with. Box 448511

BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER

Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy Box 425952

ENTERTAIN ME

Female, 50, medium build, blonde, quite short, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular wining, dining, loving and laughter, must be honest, genuine and loving. Box 438854

WHERE R U?

Cheerful, honest, popular blonde, 50yrs old, 5ft2, slim, looking to find an honest, loyal man. I can please call again/leave contact details. Box 887347

FOR KEEPS

Hi I'm Karen, 50, medium build, 5ft, separated, devoted mum, looking for friendship with someone who likes dining out, evening walks, and perhaps something lasting... Box 882618

CARING & PROFESSIONAL

Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings Box 417100

YOU DON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU CALL...

Young looking, hard working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 883410

COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, MORE

Curvy, cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTm similar loving male. Box 443642

ATTRACTIVE

Professional female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448863

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

Intelligent lady, 55, young appearance, blonde, loves country music, socialising, cinema and staying in; looking for a man with good morals for lasting, happy love. Box 448822

ENJOY LIFE

55yr old woman, brown hair/blue eyes, 5ft2. I'm divorced with a grown up family. I enjoy reading, travel, cinema, music, eating out. WLTm caring, genuine man. Box 446798

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795

DEVOTED IN LOVE

Petite lady, 57, 5ft3, long dark hair/green eyes, like theatre, cinema, music, reading, socialising, meals out and entertaining at home. Looking for someone like you. Box 882546

THE NICE THINGS...

Attractive, slim, 57yr old woman, new to area, looking for similar male, well built. I'm a smoker, like clubs, pubs, and nice things in life. Box 448572

SOMETHING NEW

Caring female with GSOH, 58, 5ft2, brown hair/eyes, likes beach walks, theatre, holidays and music; WLTm male with GSOH, genuine, for friendship, maybe more. Eastbourne. Box 447662

RESCUE ME

Independent lady, 58, outgoing, loving, friendly, kind, caring, most of all honest, non-smoking, lots of fun...looking for similar male for LTR. Box 882641

PISCES OR CAPRICORN?

Star-struck lady, 59, 5ft3, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes swimming, holidays, the sea; WLTm tall man with good heart for love. Box 448240

WALKS ALONG THE COAST

Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622

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HAPPY AS ME

Fun-to-be with, happy, contented lady (60), 5ft4, I enjoy theatre, dining out and having friends round for a meal, gardening and pets. Box 882812

COULD IT BE YOU?

Non-smoking lady, 60, 5ft2, medium build, bubbly, enjoys theatre, cinema, gardening, walks, holidays...WLTm someone to share the rest of my life with. Eastbourne. Box 448837

ONLY LOVE

Classy, intelligent, happy, slim, attractive, fit and active lady, 60, GSOH, enjoys travel, gardening etc. Looking for that special friend to share life with. Box 883791

SOMEBODY TO LAUGH WITH...

Loving lady looking for companionship, 63, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, loves dancing, walks and animals; seeks similar male with great SOH for lasting happiness. Box 446392

LET'S FALL IN LOVE

Lovely female, 65, 5ft2, enjoys walking, bird-watching, cinema, theatre and red wine, seeking a male companion to share life with. Box 444763

SILVER FOX

Sincere widow, 68, 5ft6, medium build, likes a glass of wine, walks, watching TV, seeks outgoing gent for companionship. Battle Box 448792

TO ENJOY LIFE

Hi I'm Mark, 6ft, slim/medium, lots of interests: motorcycles, WLTm kind and honest female to share fun times and laughter with. Box 445124

HONEST AND KIND

Down-to-earth, great personality, 41, 6ft, medium build, loves the countryside, wine bars, cinema, sport; seeking female with great personality, honest and trustworthy. Box 446596

FRIENDSHIP, MAYBE MORE

Curvy bi female, 32, seeks like-minded woman, for friendship, hopefully more. Single mum, work part time. Box 886142

FRIENDSHIP, HOPEFULLY MORE

Feminine woman, easilygoing, caring, 45, long brown hair, blue eyes. I love music, eating out, reading/writing, drives, weekends away. WLTm boyish female. Box 448248



MEN seeking women

HELLO, I'M

Andy, 26, 5ft10, likes going to pubs and restaurants, just looking for a similar girl to fall in love with. Box 448898

UP FOR IT?

Andy, 26, 5ft10, very good looking and fit, likes wining and dining in nice pubs and restaurants and would like to take you out. Box 448896

LOVERS PARADISE

Very independent guy, 27, 5ft7, medium build, own business, looking for someone to spend quality time with, friendship first, then maybe more. Seaford. Box 448845

FOR LOVE

Hard-working male, 29, 5ft10, dark hair, brown eyes, medium build, plays harder! likes going/eating out, walks, pubs, loves life, seeking similar happy, trustworthy lady. Box 442752

CAN YOU KEEP UP?

Very sporty male, 33, 6ft2, muscular, green-blue eyes, dark hair, likes clubs, pubs, socialising, seeking female to relax and have fun with, perhaps more. Box 444221

DARE YOU?

Hello I'm James, 34, 5ft6, short brown/greying hair, blue eyes, stocky build, professional, no ties, loves socialising and cinema...looking for a date to join me! Box 448584

WORD FOR WORD

Confident male, 35, 5ft11, dark blond hair, blue eyes, varied interest, seeking loving, loyal, black female for a long relationship. Box 448581

GENERATION X

Confident outgoing male, 36, enjoys theatre, film, music, dancing; looking for a nice person to take out and sweep off their feet...is that you? Box 448774

LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH

Attractive, caring man, 37, very loyal, genuine, down-to-earth, from East Kent, many interests, it's about you you're with, not what you're doing. Box 423435

HOP! NIP!

Hi, I'm Mark, 6ft, slim/medium, lots of interests: motorcycles, WLTm kind and honest female to share fun times and laughter with. Box 445124

LONESOME LAD LOOKING FOR LOVE

Blond 39yr old lad, blue eyes, educated, attractive, solvent (just!), genuine, loyal, adventurous, definitely different. Seeks beautiful future with someone like you. Box 885814

DO I MEET?

Down-to-earth, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company, conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917

FOR GOOD, FOREVER

Hi I'm 40, 5ft8, with short brown hair, brown eyes, loves fishing, walking, swimming, sport; seeking female who's kind, genuine and caring. Box 448686

TO ENJOY LIFE

Hi I'm Mark, 6ft, slim/medium, lots of interests: motorcycles, WLTm kind and honest female to share fun times and laughter with. Box 445124

SEARCHING FOR LOVE

Genuine single fella, 41

MOTORS NEWS



Alfa holds its value and topples Mini's top spot

CONFIRMING our favourable impressions of Alfa Romeo's new MiTo, this head-turning supermini has topped the BMW Mini as number one for resale value.

Market watchers at CAP say that over a year/10,000 miles, seven MiTo versions should beat Mini values, the MiTo 1.3 JTDM diesel retaining 81 per cent of original price – five per cent more than the closest Mini. Even after three years/60,000 miles the MiTo 1.3 JTDM in Veloce trim tops the charts, retaining 48 per cent of original price.



Good motoring highs and lows for new Ka

FORD'S Ka is set to be ridiculously cheap to run – now underlined by lower insurance groups and a better values forecast when used.

Cover starts at 1E – the lowest rating available – for the Ka Studio, with all others rated 2E, including the new diesel Zetec model.

Used motor market watchers at CAP also predict residual values for the second generation Ka – priced from £7,945 when new – will be 14 per cent better after three years/60,000 miles.



Deals and prizes with Chrysler trio this month

FEBRUARY visitors to Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge dealerships will leave with something desirable.

Test driving any model can bring a night in a UK luxury hotel and buyers get a seven-night UK hotel break for four and the chance of a week in the USA.

Deals include Jeeps from £239/month and the new seven-seat Dodge Journey MPV (pictured) for even less or, via a PCP, from £199/month. The big Chrysler 300C (from £27,595) also now comes with free luxury upgrade until the end of March.



JUST THE TICKET: The Kia Carens may not be the best-looking midi-MPV on the market but it is keenly priced and well equipped with a five-year/unlimited mileage warranty

Kia 'bus' passes holiday road test without moans

SEVEN-seaters have one big problem. Cram them with kids and the "are we there yet chorus?" gets way too loud, but there is no doubting their practicality, as proved by holidays.

I put ambitious Korean brand Kia's junior MPV (multi-purpose vehicle) to the test in the West Country.

The Kia Carens has a space and airiness that belies compact dimensions and I had no complaints from my party: three adults and four kids aged from four to ten.

However, with all seven seats in use, the Carens (from £11,550) proved to be as bad as rivals in having little boot space left over for beach gear.

But how many grumbles and how many "are we there yet?" did I get from this tribe of fickle and fussy travellers during a week with the Carens? Answers: none and one.

A great result for me, the main driver, considering that Cornish 'mizzle' kept us off the beach a lot and driving to other amusements, including an especially long outing to

ROAD TEST KIA CARENS

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

the brilliant Eden Project – a near 100-mile round trip for us.

That has to be a tribute to the Carens' space, easy access and all-round comfort; the car rides well enough whether heavily or lightly laden, with little 'MPV' roll or wallow, though it could never be described as sporty to drive.

Our car was fitted with the excellent 138bhp 2.0-litre turbodiesel (from £14,055) – there are also 130bhp 1.6-litre and 142bhp 2.0-litre petrol options – with the low down pulling power needed to easily move up to seven plus luggage. It is smooth and worked well with the automatic 'box (£1,000 extra) on the test car – the Sports Mode manual selection proved useful for Cornish gradients and lanes.

Admittedly, the Carens is not the best-looking midi-MPV. Kia says it injected 4x4 'outdoorsy' styling, but slab sides and a low rubbing strip just make the car look baggy.

Nevertheless, it is keenly-priced and well-equipped with a five-year/unlimited mileage warranty.

Unlike its forbears, it achieves this without being crudely executed or cheaply finished inside – a good buy for tough times.

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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

SMALL FAMILY ESTATES/HOLDALLS

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THIS sector used to dominate UK car sales, but volumes have been eroded by new categories such as 4x4 sports utility vehicle (SUV) and MPVs or 'people carriers' and encroachment by upmarket compact executive models. Nevertheless, many second-hand car buyers still like the idea of a spacious, comfortable and more conventional family runabout, preferably with a hatchback and they have never been better value as other buyers shun them in the stampede to downsize. Two models here have also disappeared from the new car market.

FORD MONDEO



ONCE the UK's favourite car, its fall from favour reflects changing tastes rather than the Mondeo's ability. The car's greatest weakness is the bonnet badge – something the latest generation tries to overcome with Germanic quality and detail. Nevertheless, the previous car was well-built, superb to drive and incredibly spacious. Apart from the best-selling hatchback there is a saloon and one of the roomiest and best-looking estates in the sector, plus a massive range of engines.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

VAUXHALL VECTRA



MUCH of that said about the Mondeo applies to its erstwhile arch-rival, the Vectra – now replaced by the Insignia. The final Vectra matched its Mondeo contemporary in most areas, but was chunkier with an interior so well built that it almost intimidates. The choice of bodies echoes the Mondeo and the estate is still the best load carrier in this sector thanks to a longer wheelbase. Diesels are excellent – far better than the troublesome higher output petrol options.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

NISSAN PRIMERA



NISSAN'S final Primera was launched in 2002 and could not contrast more with its staid predecessors. Wind-cheating teardrop lines made it one of the most distinctive cars in this class, but it offers great driving, terrific value and reliability, plus good Renault-sourced turbodiesels for endurance and economy. The Sunderland-built range latterly excluded a saloon option in favour of the best-selling hatchback and spacious and rather more elegant estate.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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FORD

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FIESTA, 1.25 Style 3dr (2005 - 1905), 26/01/2006, abs, red, 28013 miles, £5800, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Zetec S (2005.5) 3 Dr 1.6TDCi (90PS) DV6 diesel (1/30/06/2008, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, black, 12000 miles, £9999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Zetec Blue 5dr (2007 - 1905), 30/06/2008, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, blue, 4300 miles, £8809, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FOCUS, Zetec Climate 16v Auto Est, air conditioning, abs, power steering, trip computer, twin air bags, curtain airbags, cd player, radio, adjustable steering column, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, centre armrest, electric front windows, electric mirrors, remote central locking, remote alarm, centre armrest, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, alloy wheels, silver, 24000 miles, £5295, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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Mid-Kent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance.

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and anyone applying for work with the College is expected to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 884402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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Full-time Teacher

Due to continued expansion and growth, the above vacancy has arisen in our EBD Schools for pupils in Key Stages 2-4; all of whom have emotional and behavioural difficulties. EBD experience preferable, but not essential. A flexible approach to teaching is important. An understanding of integrated studies would be an advantage. Support and training will be given.

Salary depending on experience, post to commence as soon as possible

Closing date: 13 February 2009

Please contact the Personnel Department for an application form:

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You will need a qualification in counselling at diploma level and experience of working in the drug and alcohol field would be desirable. BACP accreditation or working towards this is essential.

The flexibility to work away from your service base and the ability to work outside normal office hours would be an advantage.

Application forms and job descriptions can be downloaded from <http://www.kca.org.uk/pages/vacancies.html> or email recruitment@kca.org.uk Alternatively, write to KCA (UK), Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT or call 01795 590635. Please quote reference 550.

Closing date: Friday 13 February 2009.

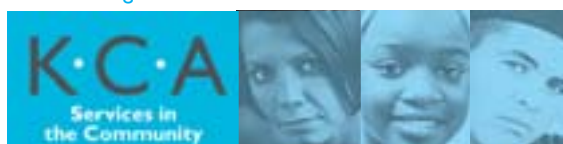
Interview date: Thursday 19 February 2009.

We regularly have opportunities for **Community Drug Workers**.

Vacancies are advertised on our website and if you would like more information please email recruitment@kca.org.uk

KCA (UK) is committed to the principles of equality of opportunity for all and welcomes applications from people with experience of substance use or who have had previous problems with substance misuse. Charity no: 292824.

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CUT OFF DATE 23rd February 2009

Please note these vacancies are subject to an enhanced Police Check.

Crossroads South East Kent is committed to equal opportunities across its range of activities.



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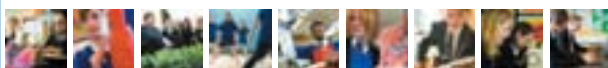
We require a Speech Therapist to join our multi-disciplinary pool of professionals who are able to offer Individual Psychotherapy Therapy, Counselling, Life Story Work, Anger Management and Cognitive Behaviour Therapy. Applicants will be accredited by BACP and/or UKCP registered and be qualified to a minimum of diploma level and knowledge of working with clients with Learning Difficulties beneficial. Please contact the Personnel Department for an application form:

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Community Matron/Continuing Care Team Support Workers (*) (🚗)

Band 3: £14,834 - £17,732 per annum

Ashford Area x 5 - Ref: 767-ASH336

Shepway Area x 5 - Ref: 767-ASH323

Canterbury Area x 5 - Ref: 767-ASH324

Swale Area x 5 - Ref: 767-ASH325

Dover/Deal Area x 5 - Ref: 767-ASH326

Thanet Area x 5 - Ref: 767-ASH327

We are looking to recruit 30 Continuing Care Support Workers to work across East Kent based at different locations. Are you a flexible and caring individual who is keen to enable people to be as independent as possible whilst remaining in their own homes to provide personal care or clinical interventions within a multi skilled team for patients with long term conditions and continuing care needs? If so then this post may be for you.

You will need social or healthcare experience to join an innovative community team. The willingness to work towards an NVQ is essential. You will need the confidence to work alone as well as function effectively as part of a large team.

The Continuing Care Team delivers programmes of care that may include nursing and social care tasks. You [Team members] will work unsupervised on a daily basis with an identified caseload in the client's usual place of residence, which could be their own home, or an environment appropriate to their needs. Shift work including night duty is an essential part of this role.

You will require excellent interpersonal skills to enable you to work with a range of staff from various professional backgrounds, with the ability to motivate and encourage people whilst carrying out planned care/ rehabilitation programmes set by team members. There is also an element of personal care assistance required in the post as some of those referred may be frail and dependent.

If you would like to join this friendly and committed team we would like to hear from you.

For an informal chat call Hayley Mullan on 01304 865609.

Closing date: 20 February 2009.

Health Care Technicians - Community Matron Services (*) (🚗)

Ref: 767-ASH328

Band 4: £17,316 - £20,818 per annum

Bases Ashford/Shepway/Canterbury/Swale/Dover/Deal/Thanet

Are you a caring individual who is keen to enable people to be as independent as possible whilst remaining in their own homes or to support patients on an ongoing basis with a variety of long term conditions? If so then this post may be for you.

You will be joining an innovative community team. NVQ 3 is essential with a willingness to commit to lifelong learning. You will need the confidence to work alone as well as function effectively as part of a large team.

The team aims to prevent unnecessary hospital admissions and supports patients with complex long term conditions and to provide a range of clinical interventions, care and support including assistive technology in the community.

You will require excellent interpersonal skills to enable you to work with a range of staff from various professional backgrounds, with the ability to motivate and encourage people whilst carrying out planned clinical interventions set by team members. There is also an element of personal care assistance required in the post as some of those referred may be frail and dependent.

If you would like to join this friendly and committed team we would like to hear from you.

For an informal chat call Kim Lee, 01795 421 912.

Closing date: 20 February 2009.



YISP Project Worker

Starting salary £18,288, with progression through contribution related pay to £20,061 pro rata

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1 x funded until December 2009 - CFE/09/0043

1 x funded until April 2010 with possibility of extension - CFE/09/0044

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You will need excellent organisational and communication skills, be self motivated with the ability to engage with adolescents, parents/carers and a wide range of partner agencies. Assessment skills, case management and good interpersonal skills are pertinent to this post as is previous experience of working directly with disaffected young people and/or those at risk of offending.

This post could involve evening and weekend working.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

To apply, visit www.kent.gov.uk/jobs Alternatively, please email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk or call 0845 8247 904. Please quote the appropriate reference number.

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Any offer of employment for this post will be subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Criminal Record Bureau Disclosure.

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Application forms and further details are available from Mrs D Francis, Personnel Officer at the School.
Tel: 01634 362746 Fax: 01634 368334 email: df Francis@rsg.org.uk
Closing date: Monday, 9th February 2009

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With a relevant qualification preferably to diploma level or NVQ 3/4 or equivalent or relevant qualifying experience in health, health education, or social care service delivery you will have a proven record and work well in partnership with other professionals. You must have good basic educational skills and the ability to deliver interventions one-to-one or with groups is essential. Knowledge of health education and health improvement procedures and techniques is desirable. Health promotion in prison is an opportunity to make a difference in the life chances of young people in custody for whom health improvement is part of the key to unlocking their future.

In return, you'll receive 27 days' annual leave plus 8 public and privilege holidays per annum and entry into the NHS Pension by invitation.

**To apply for these posts please email kent-sussex-area-recruitment@hmps.gsi.gov.uk
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The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 20 February 2009.**

Applicants will be required to declare whether they are a member of a group or organisation, which the Prison Service considers to be racist.

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**Director of Human Resources
MidKent College
Medway Kent**

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delivering training services to the Royal School of Military Engineering in Chatham and we are finalising exciting plans for the redevelopment of our site in Maidstone. To complement this we are currently looking for a Director of HR to take full responsibility for the strategic and operational development for all aspects of the HR functions within the College.

Role

- Lead the development of a progressive HR function to support the College's ambitious change agenda.
- Forge strong and professional relationships with the Senior Leadership Team and other stakeholders by demonstrating an ability to deliver highly professional services in line with the College vision and values.
- Contribute significantly to the organisational development of the College and make improvements to individual and team performances which in turn will benefit students.

The Candidate

- You will be qualified to a minimum of CIPD graduate level and have senior management experience of a strategic and operational Human Resource role.
- You will have up-to-date knowledge of current and emerging employment legislation and an impressive and proven track record of moving the HR functions forward in a large, complex and changing organisation.
- You will have a demonstrable track record of leading change and improvement, gaining the support of staff and achieving tangible results.
- You will have superb communication skills and the ability to engage effectively with internal and external stakeholders
- You will be a determined, creative and results orientated individual with the ability to influence at all levels.

For full details and application pack please contact
Katherine Reilly on 01634 884398
or email Katherine.reilly@midkent.ac.uk

For a confidential discussion about this exciting post please call Ken Pullan (our retained consultant) on 07725 128661. Closing Date: 9th February 2009.




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If you would like to discuss these opportunities further, or would like an application pack, please contact Sue Wheeler on 01634 265891 / swheeler@guardianhomecare.org.uk

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PUBLIC NOTICES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004 APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **The Leas Cliff Hall, The Leas, Folkestone**
Applicant: **Stephen Levine**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Martin Alford, Head of Registration
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Closing date: 22 February 2009
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

County award awaits top village shopkeeper



VILLAGERS who think their local shopkeeper deserves a pat on the back are invited to nominate them as this year's top community retailer.

If your rural independent shop owner gives great customer service and deserves recognition for this or any other work in the community, here's your chance to thank them.

Ask your parish council to enter the shop for the Community Retailer of the Year 2009. It is run through Action with Communities in Rural Kent, a registered charity, and the contacts are Sean Carter and Miranda Hayes on 01303 813790.

The entry form can be found at www.ruralkent.org.uk and any parish council can nominate a local independent rural shop. The deadline is March 31. The winner will be announced on September 1, along with the winner of the Village of the Year award.

Last year's winner was Ian Flory, of the Spar shop in Sissinghurst, who is pictured above receiving his award from Sean Carter.

That's quite wonderful

THE Wonderful Creative Agency's Give a Tenth programme is proving popular.

It gives a tenth of its time and resources to the community and is a big hit with Kent charities.

The Maidstone-based agency offers marketing advice, fundraising strategy development, design production and PR for free. Several charities, including the Pilgrims Hospice and Demelza, have already been involved.

Others include Music for Change in Canterbury and the Kent Association for the Blind.

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Julie Maddocks asks: In business, is small really beautiful? Search 'crunch'

'Freeze rates or risk us going to the wall'

Businesses appeal for rethink on planned 5% rates rise

■ BY TONY PATEY

COUNCILS could be swamped by appeals from firms fighting the recession as business rates rocket to their highest level in 16 years.

Already there has been an angry backlash from industry groups and the Conservatives, who are urging the Government to take urgent action to stop the five per cent rise in April.

Companies are trying to combat the toughest economic conditions for at least 30 years and now, on a national basis, they're being asked to stump up what represents an extra £1 billion.

Councils collect about £20 billion a year from business rates, but the review of new levels is based on the profits and turnover of companies from a couple of years ago.

If their trading levels have changed dramatically since, they can appeal. The rate is set by central government and the tax is collected by local authorities.

Channel Chamber of Commerce manager Caroline Chambers said that two years ago most firms were doing well, and if they are still doing well there is no problem, but for those doing a lot worse or making losses, the picture is different.

She said: "Businesses are already struggling to pay their rates. They are not a bottomless pit of money. They are already feeling the pinch."

"I would urge every single business that is going to appeal to start the process now."

Shadow minister for communities Caroline Spelman said: "The Government needs to look again at the formula and methodology, otherwise it could be the nail in the coffin for many struggling firms."



FEELING THE PINCH: Caroline Spelman MP and Roger House have joined the chorus of alarm over business rate rises

British Chambers of Commerce director-general David Frost said firms were already struggling with their cash flows – vital day-to-day money used to run businesses – and would find it hard to meet the new rate rise.

"If the Government is serious about helping firms survive the worst downturn in a generation, it should be cutting the rates until the economic situation significantly improves."

Roger House, chairman of the Federation of Small Businesses for Kent and Medway added: "Cash flow is king for small businesses which want to hold on to and train their staff and grow their enterprises during these recessionary times."

"With small business failures entering their hundreds each day and taking thousands of jobs with them, it seems counterproductive to introduce higher taxes."

CBI business environment policy director Neil Bentley said the rate should be frozen and it was an "unnecessary" increase anyway.

"This will affect nearly every firm, and struggling retailers will be particularly hard hit, at a time when they need all the help we can give them," he said.

"This threat to jobs, investment and the survival of viable businesses can still be avoided if the Government lives up to its promise of doing everything it can, by freezing the rates."

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FORWARD THINKING: A good display from Dover's pack set up a superb win and move mid-table

In-form Sharks side take bite out of Chobham

DOVER took advantage of bad weather conditions elsewhere to move into mid-table with an excellent win against Chobham.

The game at Crabble was the only game in London 2 South to go ahead and the Sharks made the most of it by running in five tries.

Senior Coach Graham Tonks was delighted with his team's performance, which set up their third win in four games.

He said: "This was another convincing display against a good and well organised side that have had some noticeable victories this season. My forwards were excellent today and the platform that they created allowed

RUGBY

Dover 29 Chobham 3

the backs to score some great tries."

The bad weather had affected training routines but Dover showed few signs of lacking match sharpness with a try inside two minutes. Ricky Mackintosh collected Martyn Beaumont's cross field kick to sprint 55 metres to touch down. Beaumont added the extras.

But the early score did not open the floodgates and it took 25 minutes before they extended their lead. Jack Tomlinson won a Chobham line-out to begin a move which ended with Beaumont touching down.

Jamie Towley scored the hosts' third try four minutes before the break, which Beaumont converted.

Dover lost Lee and Dale Tonks to the sin bin after the break, but good work by the forwards set up further tries for Townley and Jamie Phillips.

This Saturday, Dover entertain league leaders Cobham.

Liam shines at Lydden Hill series

LIAM Doran clinched the Winter Rallycross Series title after an impressive lights to flag drive at Lydden Hill on Saturday.

The son of former British Rallycross champion Pat Doran, he showed all the composure needed to compete at the top level of the sport by storming to victory in the Supercar A final.

Doran, who won the first round of the Winter Series in January, led from start to finish in his Ford Fiesta finishing ahead of Koen Pauwels in second and Pat Doran in third. The event was the last Rallycross meeting at Lydden Hill before hosting the FIA European Championship on April 12-13.

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Gills top scorer Simeon Jackson on
winning January player of the month

Bad weather meant snow go for Deal

DEAL Town fell victim to the wintry weather on Saturday as their game at Croydon was one of a number called off.

While conditions in east Kent had largely returned to normal by last weekend following snow falls earlier in the week, it was much worse further west.

The inactivity did nothing to change the club's league position, with just one game in the Kent League beating the weather.

Deal were due to play a friendly against Canterbury City last night to stay sharp ahead of Saturday's trip to high-flying Tunbridge Wells.

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ON TARGET: Frannie Collin rounded off the scoring late on as Dover returned to their best form against Hendon on Saturday to maintain their 23-point lead in the Ryman Premier

Whites are 'back on the button' after form blip

FOOTBALL

■ BY YOURDOVER REPORTER

Dover Athletic 3

Moore 37, Welford 41, Collin 77

Hendon 0



They had the ball in the net early on, but it was adjudged to have gone off the pitch before Moore crossed for Welford.

Dover continued to press and the only surprise was it took until the 37th minute to find a breakthrough, when Moore stroked home Jon Wallis' cross. Welford doubled the lead four minutes later, heading home Collin's deft cross.

The hosts' domination continued in the second half. A succession of chances came and went before the third goal eventually came 13 minutes from time. Jerahl Hughes, such a consistent impact player from the bench, came on

Dover starting XI



Subs used: Bodkin (Fish 64) Hughes (Welford 75) Grazioli (Collin 77)

and unselfishly squared to give Collin an easy finish.

The game also saw a debut for new signing Matt Bodkin, who arrived last week after being released from Grays Athletic. The winger is looking to earn a permanent deal with Dover and Hensenthaler was encouraged by what he saw.

He said: "Matt did very well when he came on and there is no doubt he is a quality player. He is not really match fit yet so we will have to wait and see exactly what he is capable of."

Dover host Carshalton Athletic at Crabble this Saturday.

Plucky Seasideers edged out by high-flying Police

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Metropolitan Police 2

Sargent 25 & 42

Folkestone Invicta 1

Dryden 77

FOLKESTONE Invicta's young side again showed they have the talent to worry the best sides in the Ryman South but once more had nothing to show for their efforts.

A brace from the aptly-named Steve Sargent put the title-chasing Police 2-0 up at half-time and although the Seasideers pulled a goal back through Jimmy Dryden, they could not find an equaliser.

The defeat, Invicta's third in four games, left them 13th in the table, still one win from the 40-point mark manager Neil Cugley believes will guarantee their status for next season.

The Invicta manager had a selection headache before the game. His already small squad was further stretched by suspensions to Frankie Chappell and Kieran Byrne. To shore up the side he again used the club's links with Gillingham's youth set-up to bring teenage defender Liam Wybranec in for his debut, while Josh Vincent started at right-back.



MISS: Darren Smith headed wide in the first half as battling Invicta narrowly lost to high-flying Met Police

With several other games called off due to bad weather, it offered both sides a chance to take advantage and climb the table.

Invicta made a bright start and Vincent came close to opening the scoring when he

Folkestone starting XI



Subs used: Neilson (Vincent 70) Swallow (Burchell 76)

headed Jimmy Jackson's cross just over the crossbar. The visitors were made to rue the miss when a minute later Sargent pinged a shot from 25-yards past Jack Delo and into the corner of the net.

Folkestone were almost back on level terms two minutes before the break. Jackson again provided a scoring opportunity with a curling cross, but Darren Smith could not direct his header on target.

Again they were made to pay for the miss, as Sargent doubled his tally for the afternoon with a free kick on the stroke of half-time.

Invicta pushed for a way back into the game and 13 minutes from time won a penalty after a foul on James Everitt. Dryden saw his spot kick saved, but was alert enough to tap in the rebound.

The skipper had the best chance to pinch a point late on, but the Police scrambled the ball clear.

Next up for Invicta is a trip to Croydon Athletic on Saturday.

FOOTBALL



HOPE: Neil Cugley's side are funded until end of season

Rescue underway as debt team focus on saving stricken club

FOLKESTONE Invicta have formed an eight-man 'recovery team' aimed at finding a solution to the club's debt problems.

The Seasideers revealed substantial debts in October which threaten the club's very existence. There were doubts if the first team could fulfil all its fixtures, but last month HM Revenue & Customs, who are owed around half the total arrears, agreed not to consider the case until the summer.

Last week the club announced they had formed a team which will look into ways of securing the club's long-term future. It consists of directors Nigel Busbridge, Bob Dix and Brian Merryman, company secretary Jim Pellatt, former chairman Gordon Wallis, Phil Orris and Supporters' Club chairman Clive Arnold.

Busbridge told Yourshepway their objectives were clear: "We've got to come up with a rescue plan so the club can continue as it is in its present form. There's no point putting up the white flag and walking away, we need to give the Inland Revenue every reason not to shut us down."

Many of the team were involved during the period in which the club got into financial difficulty, but Busbridge believes this time it will be different.

He said: "I think it's because there's never been any clear-cut plan laid down. It's always been 'let's chuck a few more quid at it and see how we get on'. We have to have a clear plan."

Meanwhile, the Supporters' Club have pledged to raise £5,000 to ensure the first team are able to complete the season.

Arnold said: "People may be worried about putting money in because they think it might disappear into a black hole, but the Supporters' Club will guarantee it will go towards the players."

To get fundraising going they have arranged events in the Stripes bar through February. See club website for details.



WINNERS: Faversham Strikeforce is recognised and receive their award from Sir Trevor Brooking

Prestigious awards call for nominations

THE KENT County FA is inviting football clubs to make nominations for the 2009 Charter Standard Club Awards.

The prestigious awards are only open to clubs who have been attained the Charter Standard Award, which recognises clubs which achieve high standards in coaching, administration and child protection.

There are separate awards for club, adult club, development club, community club, coach and administrator.

Winners at the county level will go on to compete for regional and national awards. Kent have done well in recent years, with Faversham Strike Force FC, Bredhurst Village FC, and Bearsted FC all winning National FA Awards, while Maidstone Rangers FC's John Harvey won National Club Administrator of the year.

Lee Suter, Football Development Officer at Kent County FA, said: "The county has some great clubs with superb volunteers and this is their chance to gain recognition for the fantastic work carried out in grassroots football."

Nomination forms are available at www.kentfa.com, which also has more information on Charter Standard.

Entries must be returned to Lee Suter by April 27, with winners announced in May.

Arctic blast leaves Hythe playing a waiting game

FOOTBALL

FEW SIDES were more frustrated than Hythe Town at the spate of postponements last weekend as the Kent League leaders were again left without a game.

After a couple of below-par performances, Paul Fisk's side were back to their best in a 4-0 cup thrashing of Slade Green 10 days' ago. They were hoping to build on the momentum at Sevenoaks on Saturday, but the Greatness Park pitch did not recover from last week's snow in time.

It meant Hythe had still played just one league game since New Year, a 4-1 defeat at Erith Town, and again forced them to put their title challenge on hold.

Fisk said: "It's definitely frustrating. We seemed to be back in the groove last week and we really wanted to be playing because all the stop-start doesn't do anyone any good."

"It's an unreal situation. There's no point looking at the table because no one is playing so nothing's happening."

"On the plus side we are still top and what we have to do hasn't changed. We've just got to try and stay sharp because as soon as we play we have to get to be good - we can't afford to play a game where we are rusty."

The only Kent League game which did go ahead on Saturday went in Hythe's favour, with Faversham's title challenge dented with a defeat to VCD Athletic.

Hythe were due to visit Tunbridge Wells last night, log on to www.yourshepway.co.uk for the report. Town are at home to Croydon on Saturday.



SNOW GO: Hythe had their game at Sevenoaks called off

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